Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Is Government aware that there are several small survey numbers consisting of 4 or 5 acres each ?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—Yes, there may be.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—What objection has Government to give these lands to landless cultivators ?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—In such cases lands are being granted; when the Hon'ble Member was in charge, he himself has granted so many small lands.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Are Government aware that instructions have been issued from the Secretariat on the 26th July 1957 that further grants of lands should be stopped ?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—When Government have issued the circular, Government must be aware of it. The circular was issued only 4 or 5 days back and it says that no further grants of lands should be made until the survey is completed.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—May I know whether Government has got any schedule while distributing these lands to create new villages on a planned basis instead of giving pieces of lands to different villagers ?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—That is a separate question. As a matter of fact, it has been decided that wherever there are big blocks, there co-operative farming societies should be formed.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಸಿ. ಲಿಂಗೇಗೌಡ.—ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆ (a) ಕ್ಕೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರುವ ಉತ್ತರದಲ್ಲಿ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಡಿವಿಜನ್ನಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಏನೂ ಇಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದೆ. ಈ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆ ಮಲೆನಾಡಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧ ಪಟ್ಟದ್ದು ಆಗಿರುವದರಿಂದ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಡಿವಿಜನ್ನಿನ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾಪ ಜವಾಬಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಬರಬಾರದಾಗಿತ್ತು. ಮಲೆನಾಡು ಜಮೀನು ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಡಿವಿಜನ್ನಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಇಲ್ಲವಾಗಿದ್ದರೆ ಅದನ್ನು ಬಿಟ್ಟು ಬಿಡ ಬಹುದಾಗಿತ್ತು, ಅಲ್ಲವೆ ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—That is a matter of opinion.

Sri M. P. PATIL.—I agree that the reply is not correct As a matter of fact, it ought to have been mentioned that the figures for Bangalore Division are not given because it is not included in Malnad.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಜಿ. ನರಸಿಂಹೇಗೌಡ.—ಮೈಸೂರು ಡಿವಿಜನ್ನಿನಲ್ಲಿಯ ಹಾಸನ ಡಿಸ್ಟ್ರಿಕ್ಟಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಸಾಗುವಳಿಗೆ ಯೋಗ್ಯವಾದ ಜಮೀನು ಎಷ್ಟು ಇದೆ ?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—I cannot give this figure separately.

Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SETTY.—Do Government think of colonising educated unemployed who want to take agriculture in the Mysore Division where there are 569,921 acres of land available ?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—The Land Revenue Code Rules are there. Lands will be granted according to those rules. Under those rules, lands can be granted even to educated unemployed who want to take to agriculture.

ಶ್ರೀ ಡಿ. ಟಿ. ಸೀತಾರಾಮರಾವ್.—ಈಗ ಮೈಸೂರು ಡಿವಿಜನ್ನಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾರೀ ಪ್ರಮಾಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಾಗುವಳಿಗೆ ಯೋಗ್ಯವಾದ ಜಮೀನು ಇರುವಾಗ ಹಾಗು ದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ವಿದ್ಯಾವಂತ ನಿರುದ್ಯೋಗವು ವಿಪರೀತವಾಗಿ ಬೆಳೆದ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ಜಮೀನು ವಿಲೇವಾರಿ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ತೀವ್ರವಾಗಿ ಸ್ಟಾಫ್ ನೇಮಕಮಾಡುವ ಏರ್ಪಾಡು ಮಾಡುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—I have said that special staff has been appointed.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The question time is over.

SHORT NOTICE QUESTION AND ANSWER

Sabotage in Kolar Gold Mines

Q.—26. Sri K. S. SURYANARAYANA RAO (Mysore City).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that at the time of taking over of the K.G.F. Mines, the machinery existing there was sought to be sabotaged ;

(*b*) if the answer is in the negative will the Government clarify the position and state what exactly happened at that time ?

A.—Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) There was no attempt at sabotage so far as Government are aware.

(*b*) The Official Liquidator of the Oorgaum Mining Co., Ltd., in liquidation was proposing to dispose of the properties of that Company by auction

As the setting up of a disposal centre for the purpose in the midst of working mines was likely to lead to leakage and pilferage of similar stores belonging to the other companies on the field,—chances for pilferage or leakage were prevented by timely action to acquire the assets for Government.

Sri K. S. SURYANARAYANA RAO.—Will the Government be pleased to clarify further because the answer given is very cryptic and not analytic ?

*Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—It happened like this. Oorgaum mine was closed quite a long time back. A liquidator was appointed to dispose of the machineries and some of the buildings. In October 1956, just prior to nationalisation, it was suspected that certain machineries were being disposed of. Some people felt on the Government side that machineries and equipments belonging to the other three mines may be disposed of and the new replaced in place of old and old in place of new machineries, because they were all stocked very near. Some action was to be taken to prevent it. In fact, there was writ petition in the High Court also that the police prevented the removal of the machinery, the machinery belonging to the sole proprietor. Government went into the matter and found that there was no question of any sort of what is called, sabotage or espionage or anything like that.

Sri K. S. SURYANARAYANA RAO.—Has it come to the notice of the Government that such a report has appeared in the newspapers ?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—Yes; but it is an unfortunate thing.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—Is it not true that at that time Messrs. John Taylor Sons informed Government that they were disposing of certain property and yet Government did not come forward to buy those properties ?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—Before making the purchase, Government must be satisfied whether it would be necessary for them to buy and whether the venture would be profitable and all that.

Leave of Absence of a Member

Mr. SPEAKER.—I have received a letter from Sri M. Gangappa, a member of the Assembly, which reads thus:

> "I regret to report that I am unable to attend the current session, which has begun from 12th July 1957 in spite of my sincere attempts, as I was forced to stay on here and attend to successive and repeated Court sittings before the Additional Judge and Sub-Judge, Anantapur in connection with a personal heavy suit. To add to that I am also subjected to illness in the intervals.
>
> Therefore, I am to request you to be kind enough to grant permission to absent myself from this current session."

In such cases Rule 178 (2) requires that permission of the House should be obtained. Hence I now put the question.

> "Is it the pleasure of the Assembly that permission be granted to Sri M. Gangappa for remaining absent from the meetings of the Assembly ?"

Permission was accorded.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Permission to remain absent is granted.

PRIVILEGE MOTION.

Re. A Member questioning the 'locus standi' of the Education Minister.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Sri K. Puttaswamy has given notice of a Privilege Motion which is as follows:—

> 'That the persistent attitude and the statements of Sri B. K. Puttaramiya questioning the *locus standi* of the Education Minister in this House is in direct negation of the Constitution of India and also derogatory to the dignity of